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Appl. No. 09/109,082

- ☒ Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$930.00 for the extension of time.
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For: SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC METHODS

RESPONSEHonorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 29, 2003

Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on July 29, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of the canceled subject-matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 21, 30, 33, 43, 47, 48, 53, 54, 58, 64 and 65 with the following amended claims:

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